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Upcoming Meetings

LAST Zoom Meeting is August 4th. We hope to resume in-person for Sept. or Oct. meeting pending the facility availability.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., meeting starts 7 p.m., at the Rockwood Public Library (inside Eramosa Community Centre) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. NoB 2Ko.

2021 Annual Membership Fee:

Regular \$10
Couple \$12
Junior (14 to age 18) \$5
Under 14 Free

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Guelph Saturday Coin Show Dates:

Note: 2021 show dates are tentative re COVID-19 restrictions.

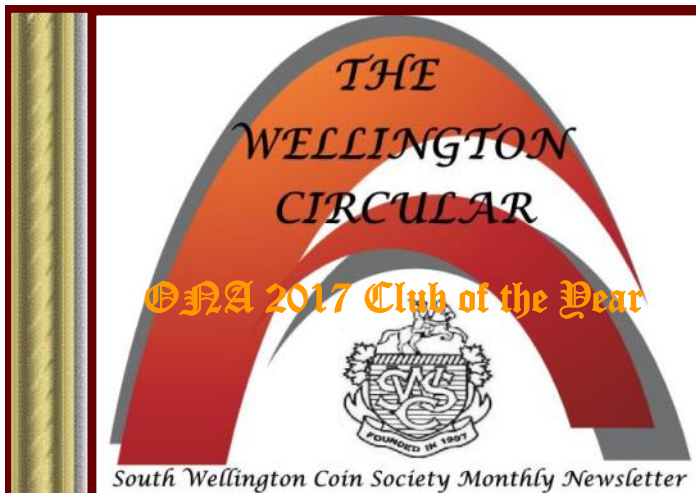
2021-September 25th

2022-April 23rd
2022-September 24th

Are you attending?

☒ **YES, I WILL BE THERE**

☐ **NO**



NEXT MEETING DATE:

ZOOM Wed.
August 4th, 2021

GUEST SPEAKER:

Michael Souza,
Topic: Coins & Tokens of Hawaii

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

For our **August 4th, 2021, 6:30 p.m.** meeting, we have **Michael Souza** returning to present **Coins & Tokens of Hawaii**. He has been in demand for his dynamic, informative, interesting presentations on a wide variety of topics. Here's an example of a Hawaiian token ↓



John T. Waterhouse, opened an import (mostly dry goods) business in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1851, and opened a second store later where the tokens were also used. Waterhouse issued an unknown number of tokens (Medcalf-Russell 2TE-1) struck 1855-1860 to be used in his company stores on the grounds of his plantation. These are the first tokens documented in the Hawaiian islands. The reverse of the token displays a beehive, representing industry, with the issuer's name above, "JOHN THOMAS WATERHOUSE IMPORTER", and the Hawaiian expression "HALE MAIKAI," meaning "house excellent" (i.e., a good place to do business), at the bottom. The token was struck in soft pewter (slate-grey) with the usual bluntness on the king's face, and the fields are typically abraded, and often the rims are lumpy. These large metal pieces feature a likeness of King Kamehameha III on the obverse but the inscription reads Kamehameha IV. Waterhouse likely designed the token during the reign of the first monarch, but only issued it after his nephew assumed the throne in 1855 – changing the inscription was a simple matter, but changing the bust would have been problematic. These merchant tokens are considered advertising tokens since there is no "known" monetary value for redemption at this stores. [Images courtesy of Heritage Auctions www.ha.com]

Future SWCS Meetings: August 4th is our LAST Zoom meeting. We have been in conversation with the municipality with the anticipation of being able to resume in-person meetings either in September or October in the Seniors Room down the hall from the Rockwood Public Library. Once we know any requirements to be met (such as continued use of masks, proof of vaccinations, social distancing, or none) we'll let you know. We've had between 5-10 SWCS members per SWCS Zoom meeting; whereas we've had 12-18 guests too. Our SWCS members seem to have little interest in Zoom meetings, or lack the resources to participate. It will be nice to be able to meet in-person again. Unfortunately, we do not



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expect to be able to combine our in-person and Zoom together for future meetings given our room set-up.

Fall Guelph Coin Show sponsored by SWCS: We have also been in communication with the Colonel John McCrae Memorial Branch 234 of the Royal Canadian Legion. There is interest on the part of the dealers, the RCL, and SWCS to go forward with the show, provided it's safe and legal to do so. As of mid-July, the RCL does not have a date when facility rentals can continue and what requirements may need to be met when rentals resume. We are staying in close contact and will keep the show date in place for now. We'll update you when we know more. RCL encourages you to visit its website and watch the RCL video *Legion Honouring a 100 Years of the Poppy* (<https://rcl234guelph.ca/>).

Invitation to Participate in 2021 Silver Coin: The Waterloo Coin Society invites SWCS members to participate in its draw. Any questions about this draw should be directed by email to WCS Treasurer **Brent Mackie** (treasurer@waterloocoinsociety.com). Here's how it works. →

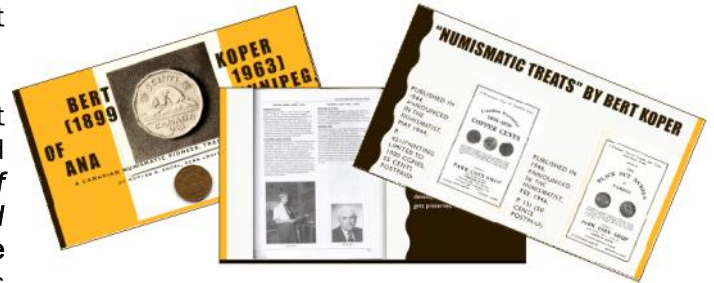
SWCS July 7th, 2021, Meeting Report from SWCS President Scott Douglas: For attendance in this Zoom meeting, we had 7 SWCS members and 16 guests for a total 23. Certainly an attendance challenge with NHL Finals, Wimbledon, NBA, and Pre-Olympic sports happening the same night! Let's see if we can get our attendance up for our final Zoom meeting on August 4th!

During our July meeting, **Howard R. Engel** gave a great presentation about a little-known early Canadian dealer and collector. The presentation was on **Bert Koper (1899-1963) of Winnipeg: A Canadian Numismatic Pioneer, Tragic Hero and Archetype**. With Howard's and my consent, **Brent J.W. Mackie** kindly video-recorded this 47-minute presentation, and he's made the link available for viewing for a limited time, so you are encouraged to view it within a month of receiving this newsletter: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1056vlgq73m3KmskUJhrxCAQVTfkFLdyV?usp=sharing>.

2021 Silver Coin Draw

- ❑ **Tickets are \$5 each and are VIRTUAL**
 - Ticket number(s) will be emailed to you. No physical tickets.
- ❑ Grand prize draw at Dec. meeting: **2021 W Silver Maple Leaf**
- ❑ After 80 tickets sold, a \$100 donation will be made to the **Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank**
- ❑ After 100 tickets sold, an early bird prize will be awarded: **1911-2011 RCM proof silver dollar**
- ❑ After every additional 20 tickets sold, another early bird prize: **2021 RCM Silver Maple Leaf** (regular bullion issue)
- ❑ Early bird draws will be held at WCS regular meetings after enough tickets are sold. Max one draw / meeting.
- ❑ Half of the ticket sales are returned as prizes (including the donation to CSHFB). Other half supports WCS.
- ❑ Purchase tickets via draw@wcs.fyi, eTransfer or PayPal.





Message from the Ottawa Numismatic Society: The Bank of Canada Museum Speaker series features interesting presentations on a wide variety of topics related to numismatics. The most recent was *Toward a Digital Canadian Dollar*. Recordings of the presentations for online viewing can be found here: https://www.bankofcanadamuseum.ca/content_type/multimedia/

COINSANDCANADA.COM enhanced: In the July 2021 newsletter of COINSANDCANADA.COM (which is free to subscribe to) new features added to the collector database website were noted:

- Errors and Varieties—Several coin errors and varieties added and more to come!
- Chartered Banks and Banknotes—Several banknotes of Canadian banks issued before 1936 were added and updated.
- Price Guide—Values always updated! Canada: Coin price guide, Banknotes price guide, Tokens Price guide, and Melt values calculator. World price guides: Great Britain, Australia, Oceania (New Zealand Fiji and New Guinea).

Editor's Birthday Chuckles: One of the many friends and family who sent Birthday Wishes on July 17th, was the Editor's Maid of Honour (Nancy) who lives in British Columbia. Included in the wishes were these chuckles, likely sourced from Nancy's favourite book, *The Reader's Digest* where non-staff, non-professional folks submit silly jokes for free (no publisher compensation).

I tried having my mother's phone disconnected, but customer service told me that since the account was in my dad's name, he's have to be the one to put in the request. The fact that he's been dead for 40 years didn't sway the rep. Then a solution hit me, "If I stop paying the bill, you can turn off the service, right?" Customer service responded, "Well, yes," she said reluctantly, "But that would ruin his credit."

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Two men were driving home one night when one asked the other to check if the car's indicators are working. He promptly sticks his head out the window and says: "Yes, no, yes, no, yes, no, yes, no."

I was driving when I first saw the flash of a traffic camera. I figured that my picture had been taken for speeding, even though I knew I wasn't. Just to be sure, I went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly. But again the camera flashed. Thinking this was pretty funny, I drove past even slower three more times, laughing as the camera snapped away each time I drove by at a snail's pace. Two weeks later, I got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seatbelt.

Toronto Coin Expo: On July 18, 2021, press release announced **Sean Isaacs** had joined the Toronto Coin Expo team of **Jared Stapleton** and **Brian Bell**. Brian, owner of Geoffrey Bell Auctions / The Coin Cabinet, will alternate with Sean, owner of Alliance Coin & Banknote in operating the auctions held in conjunction with Jared's Toronto Coin Expo.



The Coin Cabinet: The Coin Cabinet now has two locations in New Brunswick, the original store in ← Moncton and now a store in Saint John →.



The Coin Cabinet continues to have its online eBay store; and Geoffrey Bell Auctions also continues on iCollectors. The Coin Cabinet is also now an affiliated company of Coin Canada Ltd. (London, Ontario), a

group of companies. Another affiliated company of Coin Canada Ltd. is London Gold Buyer (London, Ontario). Coin Canada Ltd. has a plant in London that is a fully-secured, video-monitored premises whereby a client enters and is helped by professional, insured staff who process the client's coin and currency using high-speed sorters.

Upcoming Events: Events are still subject to COVID-19 restrictions so be sure to check <https://canadiancoinnews.com/events/> for any rescheduled dates or cancellations or go directly to the source website. The following are currently scheduled to go forward:

Fall 2021 National Postage Stamp & Coin Show
September 10, 2021 to September 12, 2021
Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale hotel, 6750 Mississauga Rd., Mississauga, ON, L5N 2L3

Presented by Canadian Coin News and Canadian Stamp News, the National Postage Stamp and Coin Show features 50-plus professional coin and stamp dealers from across Canada. Highlights include a two-day live "Premier Auction" by Colonial Acres; various seminars; and the Young Collectors discounted sales table and popular free youth auction on Sunday.

Admission is \$5 on Saturday and \$2 on Sunday. Families are free on Sunday. The show is open on Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Parking is free. For show updates, visit stampandcoinshow.com.

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Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show
John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, ON, L4Z 1V8

Sponsored by the Troyak Club, the Mississauga Coin and Stamp Show will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with 60 tables and more than 30 dealers. There's something for everyone, with Canadian and world coins, stamps, paper money, tokens, medals, trade dollars, official mint products, hobby supplies, reference books and more. Free evaluations plus buying, selling and trading. Admission is \$5 (children under the age of 16 are free), and parking is free.

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Coin-A-Rama
Jubilee Pavilion, 55 Lakeview Park Ave., Oshawa, ON, L1H 8S7

One day only, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., featuring paper money, coins, tokens, medals, books, supplies and many other items. The show also features a mini-auction at 2 p.m. plus free dealer and membership draws, new hourly public draws and free admission. Come out and look for that special item for your collection or for a gift. We're sure you'll find what you need. The show is sponsored by the Oshawa & District Coin Club.

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Fall 2021 Toronto Coin Expo
October 1, 2021 to October 2, 2021
Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., Toronto, ON, M4W 2G8

Join us at Canada's premier coin and banknote show and auction, featuring Canada, U.S. and worldwide coins, banknotes, tokens, medals, and jewelry. Located on the second floor of the Toronto Reference Library, the show will be open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$6, and children under the age of 16 are free. You are sure to find a one-of-a-kind coin or banknote treasure! Saturday will feature free educational workshops, which will teach attendees what collecting is all about. A youth workshop starts at 10 a.m. with a youth auction at 1 p.m. There will also be a full live auction by Geoffrey Bell Auctions.

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Autumn 2021 Torex
October 30, 2021 to October 31, 2021
Crowne Plaza Toronto Airport Hotel, 33 Carlson Ct., Toronto, ON, M9W 6H5

The next Torex event is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 30-31, 2021, at a new venue, the Crowne Plaza Toronto Airport Hotel at 33 Carlson Ct. More details will be announced this summer.

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Stratford Coin Show
Quality Inn, 1144 Ontario St., Stratford, ON, N0K 1J0

Sponsored by the Stratford Coin Club, the Stratford Coin Show will be held from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, and children aged 16 and under are free. Buy and sell coins, paper money, tokens and more.

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This medal was issued 2015.

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Other Non-Elected IMPORTANT Club Roles

ALL Multi-Media Needs & Photographer: **John Semedo**

ALL Draws and Membership Meeting Notes: **John Semedo** and **Mike Hollingshead**

Show Bourse: **Mike Hollingshead** and **Lowell Wierstra**
Social Media Show Advertising: **Andrew Fedora**

Auction Chairman: **Lowell Wierstra**
Auctioneers: **Mike Hollingshead** and **Scott Douglas**
Auction Runners: available executive and other members.

Meeting Room Set-up and Clean-up:
All members present

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A Numismatic Journey Through Wellington County

by Scott E. Douglas, SWCS President, FRCNA, FONA, FCNRS, GKStE

In April 2022 the South Wellington Coin Society will celebrate 25 years as a numismatic organization. It is my intention to publish the new officially-titled book "*A Numismatic Journey Through Wellington County*" in celebration of this event. Periodically, I will send our Editor a snapshot of part of the contents of this book to be published in the SWCS newsletter. This snapshot will preview an article that will be featured in the book in an expanded format. The fifth preview is below, "*AGRICULTURAL & ARTS ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.*"

Scott E. Douglas

AGRICULTURAL & ARTS ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO



Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario award medal Lr 1462, McL 268.

The medal is 41.7 mm in diameter and 3.2 mm thick. The medal is known in bronze, silver and gold and was produced by Toronto manufacturing jeweller George Ward, his name is visible at 6 o'clock on the reverse.



Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario silver award medal for 'assortment of gloves, Francis Smith, Guelph'.

This medal was awarded at the Provincial Exhibition held in Guelph in 1883.

The Knitting Factory was established in Guelph, Ontario in May of 1883. By 1886 the firm employed 12 to 15 hands in the manufacture of fancy knit goods, men's cardigans, ladies' jackets, gloves, mitts, ladies' fine jerseys, boys' jerseys suits etc. The Knitting Factory was located at 44-46 Surrey Street in Guelph. 46 Surrey St. also housed McCrae's Woolen factory.



← Francis Smith promoted the idea of home manufacturing of knitted goods.



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Japan Year 26 10 Sen Coin

[Coin image courtesy of **Heritage Auctions** www.ha.com, and coin specifications are courtesy of online **Numista** catalogue]



This is a Japanese Year 26 (1893) Meiji 10 Sen high-grade coin. You can add a fairly attractive grade to your collection at a relatively reasonable cost, as a lower grade (MS-60) of this coin trends in the \$110-\$130CAD range.

The obverse design features a Dragon within beaded circle, legends above, written value below

Lettering:

年四十三治明・本日大
・10 SEN・

Translation: Great Japan · Year 34 of Meiji · 10 sen ·



The reverse design features a Chrysanthemum Flower (Coat of Arms & Emperor's Royal Seal) and branches of Paulownia Flower (heart-shaped leaf) around the rim and Chrysanthemum Flower on either side of the value

Lettering:

十
錢

Translation: 10 Sen

Coin specifications: Emperor Meiji (1867-1912); years 6-39 (1873-1906), 10 Sen (01 JPY), Silver .800, weight 2.6957 g, diameter 17.6 mm, reeded edge, demonetized, references Y#23, JNDA#1-24.

This coin has two types:



Type 1 Type 2
Type 1: Sen (明) connected
Type 2: Sen (明) not connected

1880 is a very scarce coin as only 77 were made. The next key date 1901 with just over 767,000 struck. There are no 1873 nor 1875 dated coins.



Emperor Meiji-Tennō / 明治天皇, Meiji the Good “Meiji-seitei” / 明治聖帝, or Meiji the Great “Meiji-taitei” / 明治大帝 (personal name **Mutsuhito / 睦仁**, born Nov. 3, 1852, Kyōto—died July 30, 1912, Tokyo), ruled Japan from 1867 to 1912 as the 122nd Emperor of Japan. During his reign Japan was dramatically transformed from an isolationist, feudal state into one of the great powers of the modern industrialized world. The second son of the emperor Kōmei, Mutsuhito was declared crown prince in 1860; following the death of his father in 1867, he was raised to the throne. In 1868 his coronation ceremony was carried out, and he took the name Meiji, by which the era of his reign is also known. At the time of Emperor Meiji's birth in 1852, Japan was a feudal, pre-industrial country dominated by the isolationist Tokugawa shogunate and the *daimyō* subject to it, who ruled over the country's 270 decentralized domains. By the time of his death in 1912, Japan had undergone an extensive political, economic and social revolution, and emerged as one of the great powers on the world stage.

↑ January 1, 1888, Imperial Printing Bureau-Japan, Public Domain: Conté (crayons) portrait of the Emperor Meiji, drawn by Chiossone during his employment by the Imperial Printing Bureau: Chiossone was ordered to covertly sketch the emperor and create the final portrait from those sketches. The completed work was then photographed and distributed under the tacit approval of the Emperor to foreign governments and Japanese schools. The realism of the drawing was such that many mistook the portrait for an actual photograph.

République d'Haïti (French) Repiblik d Ayiti (Haitian) or Formerly "Hayti"

[Coin set image courtesy of CAC]



In a recent CAC sale, this 1968 République d'Haïti (French) Repiblik d Ayiti (Haitian) coin set (ref. KM-PS4) was on sale for \$299CAD (market trends \$400-\$450 CAD). The three toned coins in the fold-out vinyl pocket, green, snap-wallet (with COA) present a 3-Coin Fine Silver (.9999) Proof Set consisting of 5, 10 and 25 Gourdes coins. The French COA reads: SÉRIE DE 3 MONNAIES EN ARGENT 1000/1000 AYANT COURS LEGAL – DÉCRET PUBLIÉ DANS LE JOURNAL OFFICIEL <<LE MONITEUR>> N° 29 DUE 3 AVRIL 1967. (Emission limitée). Rough translation: SERIES OF 3 LEGAL TENDER FINE SILVER COINS – DECREE PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL DAILY NEWSPAPER *LE MONITEUR HAITIAN* No. 29 DUE 3 APRIL 1967. (Limited Edition)

All the coins bear a common reverse with just the denomination changing: Coat of Arms with *Lettering*: *LIBERTÉ, ÉGALITÉ, FRATERNITÉ* (French for "liberty, equality, *fraternity*" - used on both France and Haiti coinage), (5, 10 or 25) *GOURDES* 1968. The obverse of the 25 Gourdes (.9999 silver, diameter 60 mm, weight 117.6 g) commemorates the 10th Anniversary of Revolution - Haitian Art. The obverse of the 10 Gourdes (.9999 silver, diameter 40 mm, weight 47.05 g) commemorates the 10th Anniversary of Revolution - Toussaint l'Ouverture. The obverse of the 5 Gourdes (.9999 silver, diameter 30 mm, weight 23.52 g) commemorates the 10th Anniversary of Revolution - Columbus Discovers America.

The 1958 Haitian Revolution is not original. A quick and fast explanation: The first Revolution in Haiti was actually in 1791 (a series of them 1791-1804) and this is the most noted as the Slave Revolution. Britain and ally Spain were against ending slavery but France was for it. France entered war with Britain, and France declared slavery abolished. Britain and Jamaica feared that France would invade Jamaica so the USA provided a warship to support Britain to protect Jamaica since Britain had already lost Haiti. Spain too was supporting Britain to declare Britain as having sovereignty over Haiti, but it came out in the wash with France governing Haiti, with Britain and Spain both repelled. But it wasn't over, Napoleon was shown the door as the Haitian people declared independence. The Haitian Revolution (1791-1804) is considered by many as the only successful slave revolt leading to independence from colonial rule and the permanent abolition of slavery. Haiti took on the most powerful nations of the day – the French, the British and the Spanish – and won.

On 28–29 July 1958, Alix "Sonson" Pasquet, accompanied by two fellow Haitian military officers and five American soldiers of fortune, attempted to overthrow Haitian President François Duvalier by seizing an army barracks in Port-au-Prince and rallying like-minded troops for an attack on the Presidential palace. Hoped-for support failed to materialize and all eight of the insurgents were killed by troops loyal to Duvalier. Pasquet and his men had badly miscalculated the mood of the Haitian public and the military. While Duvalier's dictatorial tendencies were becoming increasingly plain, he was still seen, after a long period of political turmoil, as a strong force for stability and unity. The bodies of some of the coup plotters were dragged through the streets of Port-au-Prince to cheering crowds, and Duvalier was photographed in uniform and hailed in the Haitian press as having led the counterattack on the coup plotters himself. Pasquet's was the first of many coup attempts against Duvalier's government. It had the effect of deepening Duvalier's fear of any dissent, and inspired him to create the National Security Volunteer Militias - the infamous "Tonton Macoutes" - which would terrorize Haiti for decades to come. After the Duvalier era, 'Sonson' Pasquet came to be seen in Haiti as both a foolish and gallant figure. In 1973 his son, also named Alix Pasquet, married and had two children with Michele Bennett, who later married and had two children with François Duvalier's son, Jean-Claude 'Baby Doc' Duvalier, making 'Sonson' and 'Papa Doc's grandchildren half siblings. Right up until today (2021), coups and battles have plagued Haiti.

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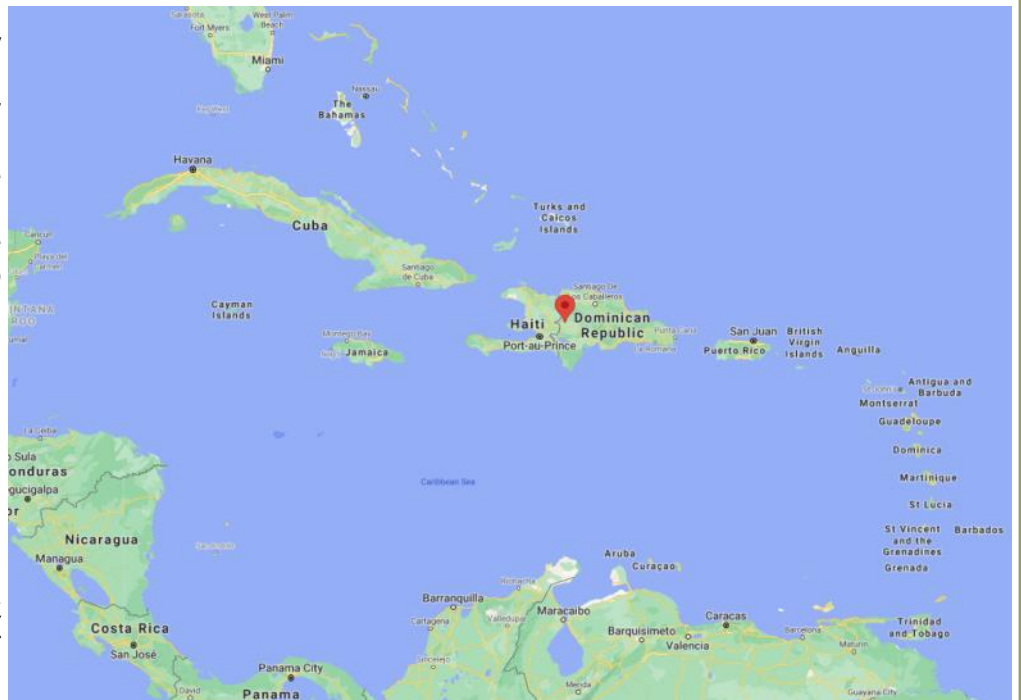
The people have rarely known any eras of peace, and most have lived in constant poverty. Haiti had the misfortune to be the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere. In 1958-1960, Haiti was virtually bankrupt. Haiti's economy suffered in early 1959 from the double blow of the failure of its coffee crop (less than half the previous year's level) and a drop in the price of coffee. Haiti was running a large deficit and needed a massive injection of foreign assistance to forestall economic paralysis and possible social and political chaos. Hurricanes and massive earthquakes have also decimated the island country.

The recent assassination of Jovenel Moïse (supposedly initiated by a Haitian doctor living in Florida financed from Colombian resources, leading back to ?), Haiti's de-facto president, who had been ruling by decree since 2018, was a shocking and historical moment. It has been more than a century since the last sitting Haitian president was murdered, in 1915. As every day passes, the plot thickens further, and we may never know the full murky details. Currently there is an ongoing power struggle among three would-be leaders: previous and incoming prime ministers Claude Joseph and Ariel Henry, but also Joseph Lambert, head of Haiti's disbanded senate. Haiti is often talked about by outsiders as a place where only bad things seem to happen. Yet behind the media stories of strife, disease, and deprivation there is another Haiti – and a great success story—good, kind, caring people who just want to live in peace and be able to care for their families. On July 16th, former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide returned to Haiti after spending nearly a month in Cuba for medical treatment.

Moïse's killing leaves a serious power vacuum. When he died, the country had only 11 elected officials, including the president. Now just ten senators remain and are disputing the leadership. Nobody is keen for a repeat of the United Nations intervention, which ran from 2004 to 2017. During this time, UN troops introduced deadly cholera to the country, and were accused of sexual exploitation and fathering many children. In the absence of a president and a parliament – and given the tiny and repugnant business elite who own almost all of Haiti's resources – it is falling to intellectuals, journalists, activists, and students to channel and express the people's hopes for the future. For these people, there is a strong risk of being murdered or kidnapped.

Haiti is a country located on the island of Hispaniola in the Greater Antilles archipelago of the Caribbean Sea, to the east of Cuba and Jamaica and south of The Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands. It occupies the western three-eighths of the island which it shares with the Dominican Republic. To its southwest lies the small island of Navassa Island, which is claimed by Haiti but is disputed as a United States territory under federal administration. Haiti is 27,750 square kilometers (10,714 sq mi) in size, the third largest country in the Caribbean by area, and has an estimated population of 11,439,646 (2018 census), making it the most populous country in the Caribbean. From a COVID-19 standpoint, it is faring much better than USA and Cuba. As of July 17, 2021, Haiti has had 19,512 confirmed cases, 501 deaths, 12,999 recovered, and 6,012 battling to recover. Cuba has had 281,887 confirmed cases, 1,905 deaths, 241,314 recovered, and 38,668 battling to recover. Additionally Cuba is currently suffering a major food shortage. As Mike Hollingshead notes, "As a Canadian, I cannot send money to Cuba to help my friends buy food, because of the US Embargo. Not every country abides by the US Embargo, which has been in place for decades – a blockade by the Kennedy administration in 1962. Spain, Italy, and China—one of the largest economies in the world – do not support the US Embargo and continue trade relations with Cuba."

The USA has more than enough resources to combat COVID-19 and ensure sufficient food supply to both Cuba and Haiti, but instead they are sending the resources to Africa. Cuba is only 190 nautical miles from Florida. July 13th, Biden said the USA will not accept any refugees from Haiti or Cuba.



Flemish 10-Centimes

[Portraits, Public Domain released to Wikimedia]



This coin originates from Belgium. It's an 1898 Flemish 10-Centimes coin. The obverse features a Rampant lion left within circle. Around outside legend in Dutch, date below between stars, lettering: *EENDRACHT MAAKT MACHT BRAEMT * 1898 ** (*Unity makes strength Braemt 1898*). The reverse features Value and star on close checkered background within circle. Lettering around outside: *LEOPOLD II KONING DER BELGEN 10 CENTIEMEN* (*Leopold II King of the Belgians 10 Centimes*). Both sides were engraved by Joseph-Pierre Braemt.

Specifications: Belgium, King Leopold II (1865-1909), smooth edge, 1898 (circulation years 1894-1901), Copper-nickel, weight 4.5 g, diameter 21 mm, ref. KM#43. Belgium has both French-speaking and Flemish (Dutch)-speaking people, and in the past had dual coinage. . This coin is lettered in Flemish Dutch.



Joseph-Pierre Braemt (15 June 1796 – 2 December 1864) was a Belgian medalist and coin designer.^[1] After training at the academies of Ghent and then Brussels, Joseph-Pierre Braemt perfected his craft in Paris with the engraver André Galle and the baron François Joseph Bosio, a renowned sculptor of the time. He was appointed general engraver of the *Hôtel des Monnaies* in Brussels and produced the first Belgian coins. He was a founding member of the Royal Academy of Science, Letters and Fine Arts of Belgium.

This year 1898 on this coin is important because:

On 18 April - Coremans-De Vriendt law gave the Dutch and French equal legal status in Belgian public life. The Coremans-De Vriendt Law, also dubbed the Law of Equality (Dutch: *Gelijkheidswet*), was a Belgian law which enforced formal legal equality of the Dutch and French languages in the country. It is seen as a landmark in the history of the *Flemish Movement* and of linguistic equality in Belgium.

On 27 July, the *Anglo-Belgian Treaty of Commerce and Navigation* came to an end, due to notification of the United Kingdom's withdrawal a year earlier. The *Anglo-Belgian Treaty of Commerce and Navigation* was a free trade agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Kingdom of Belgium, signed on 23 July 1862. It was the first such treaty that rather than being time-limited and requiring renewal, contained an open-ended stipulation for withdrawal (technically known as "denunciation") that became a regular feature of later treaties of commerce. Prime Minister Salisbury gave notification of the United Kingdom's intention to withdraw from the treaty on 28 July 1897, because a clause providing that Belgian goods be admitted to British colonies on the same footing as British goods was contrary to the new policy of Imperial Preference. This British "denunciation" was published in the *Moniteur Belge* of 1 August 1897. Imperial Preference was a system of reciprocally-enacted tariffs or free



trade agreements between constituent units of the British Empire. As Commonwealth Preference, the proposal was later revived in regard to the members of the Commonwealth of Nations. Joseph Chamberlain, the powerful colonial secretary from 1895 until 1903, argued vigorously that Britain could compete with its growing industrial rivals (chiefly the United States and Germany) and thus maintain Great Power status. The best way to do so would be to enhance internal trade inside the worldwide British Empire, with emphasis on the more developed areas Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and South Africa—that had attracted large numbers of British settlers. [Source: Wikipedia for Educational Purposes Only.]

Cook Islands Recognizes Asian Mythology

[Source: Mint Press Release, 2019]



This Zhong Kui Antique Finish coin from Cook Islands has a face value of 20 DOLLARS and a date of 2019. This coin was the start of the Asian Mythology series. This Smartminted® fine silver (.9999) coin weighs 3 troy ounces, and has a 50 mm diameter, and only 333 pieces were minted. The reverse of the coin features the Chinese deity, Zhong Kui, who is regarded as a vanquisher of ghosts and evil beings. His image is often painted on household gates as a guardian spirit. He is featured in startling red at centre, ready to vanquish the demons. Zhong Kui is universally depicted as a large man with a big black beard, bulging eyes and a wrathful expression. Zhong Kui is reputedly able to command 80,000 demons to do his bidding, and is often associated with the five bats of fortune. Worship and iconography of Zhong Kui later spread to other East Asian countries, and he can also be found in the folklores and mythologies of Korea, Japan, and Vietnam.



Liechtenstein-based masters of coins design, CIT Coin Invest, partnered up with B.H. Mayer, the German mint world-renowned for its expertise, to produce a new minting technology called Smartminting (first introduced 2014). The premise was simple enough: Greater levels of relief, with finer detail for a given weight, or keep a similar level of relief, but expand the diameter for a greater working area. Smartminting has become iconic for outstanding strikes, and its ability to increase levels of sharply-defined and heavily detailed relief, while maintaining sensible coin weights. The same year of this coin, 2019, designs by Numiscollect, Powercoin, and Smartminted® won four of the 2019 Coin Constellation Awards. Smartminted® strikes were heralded at the World Money Fair in Berlin, where it launched an enhance definition of the technology Smartminting Reloaded®.

Gibraltar COVID Coin

[Source: HM Government of Gibraltar—Gibraltar National Mint Limited (Zlate-Mince.cz) <http://www.gibraltarnationalmint.gov.gi/>]



In March 2020, the Government of Gibraltar issued this 2020 WE UNITED AS ONE coin to commemorate those who have and still are fighting the global COVID-19 “Coronavirus” pandemic. The coin is Cupro-Nickel (CuNi), BU finish, and has a diameter of 27.3 mm and a weight of 8 g.

The COA with the coin reads: “Health care services around the world were put under unprecedented pressures dealing with the volume of patients. Others not on the front line, but providing services that kept countries and nations functioning also went out of their way to adapt and help those most affected. Everyone from doctors, nurses, chemists, and NHS staff to supermarket grocers, and school staff kept working whilst juggling tough isolation, distancing, and cleanliness measures, continued to put themselves at risk to keep daily life as normal as possible.”

The obverse features the Gibraltar Coat of Arms. The reverse features key workers, standing in front of a hospital, ‘on the front line’ of the battle against Coronavirus, and includes an inscription, ‘to commemorate the global fight against COVID-19’ underlined by a message of strength, ‘WE UNITE AS ONE, 2020.’

Shiba Token Coins

[some info sourced from online Fortune]



In May 2021, Ethereum co-founder Vitalik Buterin made a large donation to alleviate India's COVID-19 crisis. The amount surpasses even the aid from foreign governments. Buterin transferred over 50 trillion Shiba Inu coins and other so-called cryptocurrency meme tokens, worth an estimated \$1.2 billion, to the India COVID Crypto Relief Fund (ICCRF).

Hospitals across India are overwhelmed, with a short supply of life-saving equipment and supplies, as well as, manpower.

Ethereum is the most widely used blockchain, a decentralized software that publicly tracks transactions, and has been deployed for a number of applications including verifying contracts, making payments, and managing supply chains. Buterin's massive holdings

in the meme coin markets has long been a feature of the ecosystem. August 2020, Ryoshi, creator of Shiba Inu Coins, gave 50% of all Shiba coins to Buterin, claiming “Shiba will grow and survive.”. Buterin's donation is the equivalent of a full 10% of Shiba Inu coins available. After Buterin's donation the price of the coin, which trades as SHIB, crashed 33%, wiping out nearly \$4 billion of the coin's market cap to bring it to \$7.6 billion. The value of other coins Buterin donated also dropped (Akita Inu down by 44%, Dogelon Mars down by 57%, ETH (Ethereum) down 10% in 24 hours).

Although some media platforms and forum are upset with Buterin making the donations and impacting the value, most are applauding his efforts for an important cause. The value is expected to recover in a short period of time.

India's COVID-19 standing as of July 17, 2021: 31,143,595 confirmed cases; 414,141 deaths; 30,300,762 recovered; and 428,692 still battling.